

REMARKS

Claims 7-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 11 are amended to correct asserted minor informalities. No new matter is added.

Section 102/103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato et al. (JP 10065211). Similarly, claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sato et al., claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sato et al. in view of Momoi (JP 04250674) and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sato et al. in view of Nisikawa et al. (JP 59085868).

The Office Action asserts that Sato et al. discloses a pellet 1, a major front surface 5 of which is made of a GaAsP mixed crystal characterized in that the major front surface is a rough surface.

However, as Applicants understand Sato et al., the "roughened surface 5" is actually the front surface on a GaP substrate 1, not on the GaAs_{1-x}P_x epitaxial layer 2 or GaAs_{1-x}P_x epitaxial layer 3. Thus, Sato et al. does not teach or suggest a major front surface made of a GaAsP mixed crystal that is a rough surface, as required by the present claims. Thus Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed invention can not be anticipated by and would not have been obvious over Sato et al.

As none of JP 4-116162, Momoi and Nishikawa et al. teach or suggest a major front surface made of a GaAsP mixed crystal that is a rough surface, none of these references make up for the deficiencies of Sato et al. Thus, Applicants respectfully

submit that the presently claimed invention would not have been obvious over Sato et al. in view of any combination of these references.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Marked-Up Copy of Amended Claims

MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

7. (Amended) A light emitting code comprising a pellet, a major front surface of which is made of a GaAsP mixed crystal, characterized in that the major front surface is a rough surface.

11. (Amended) A fabrication for a light emitting diode having a pellet, a major front surface of which is made of a GaAsP mixed crystal, characterized in that the pellet is treated with an etching solution of an aqueous solution containing Br₂ or I₂ to form fine projections on at least the major front surface of the pellet.